

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given this case. This response addresses those issues raised in the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. Claim 3 is presently pending in this case. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the translation of the Goumas reference. It is respectfully submitted that the claim as presented herein is in form for allowance. Response to that extent is earnestly requested.

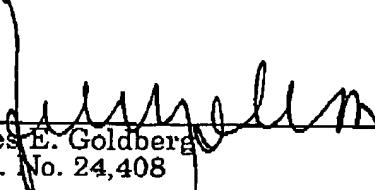
As suggested by the Examiner, the Applicant has amended Claim 1 to recite "in an amount effective to prevent said disease" to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goumas. The Examiner notes that the previously-used transition language of "comprising" would include the carbocysteine-soberol combinations of Goumas. In order to avoid this rejection, the Applicant has amended Claim 3 to use the transition language "consisting essentially of." It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment renders the rejection under 102(b) moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present invention is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is requested. If the Examiner believes that additional issues need to be resolved before this application can be passed to issue, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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